# FOLK, WELLS, FRANCIS AND DOCKERY WILL SPEAK FOR GOOD GOVERNMENT AT MUSIC HALL THIS EVENING

SUMMARY OF

The St. Louis Republic

## THE WEATHER

PORECAST.	6 a.m 64 abar	
St. Louis and Vicinity.		
Fair and warmer to- day, southerly winds. For Missouri-Fair to-	#m= "	
day; showers to-night or to-motrow.	3 pm66 "	
Yesterday's Conditions.		
Wenther - Clear, Tem- perature Max, 67 min.	9 60	

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6.16 Length of day 12:19 Moon Changes, March 2 Pirst goarter...April 12 April 4 Poli mess.....April 15 hange in the delightful conditions prevailing

esterday, and predicted to continue to-day, is garded as unlikely for the next toirty-six the Pacific Slope and in the Upper Ohio Velley and the lake region. The vast stretch between the Mississippi Elicer and the Rocky

fourtains is enjoying fair skins and modera's Lower temperature is noted in the Mississippi end Missouri valleys and in the Southwest. In astern States, in the Rocks Mountain region

200000000000E "Want" Ads on Pages 12 and . 12. Births, marriages and death records and new corporations o

### FEATURES OF TO-DAY'S NEWS.

- 1. Train Wreck in Tean. Wells Mass Meeting To-Night. Restern War.
- S. Lenemeta Stuni t. Young Women Minstrels.
- Paper Asks for Receiver. 5. Favored Transit Merger.
- 6. Mrs. Chadwick's Dealings. Varuer Outlines Policy. New Exclos Commissioner.
- affic Karnings Improve.

### EASTERN WAR The Russian rear guard occupies a line

of strong natural defenses seventy-four north of Tie Pass, where a temporary stand may be made. PAGE 1. Viadivostok fears an early siege.

ACAL AND SCHLEBAN. teard of Police Commissioners 46s for hats, belimets and ice, and chationary patrolmen.

Defendants to the suit of Cells. Adler & Tilles declared that Cella favored the merger of the Transit companies.

PAGE 5. Despordent because he could not get work, Walter Shumaker attempted omnit suicide by taking rough on rats.

PAGE 5 William Wilmerton, an St-year-old Illinote farmer, who said he lost \$0,000 in speculation, won his attachment suit against a defunct brokerage concern.

After taking charge of his office. Thomas E Mulvihill, the new Excise Commissioner, said he would enforce the laws to

PAGE 2 Prominent State and city Democrats will speak in behalf of Mayor Wells at a mase meeting in Exportsion Music Hall to-

PAGE 1. To usure an honest election the Election Commissioners will allow two watchers such for the three parties and will bemove dishonest officials.

ter does not promibit a Mayor succeeding would vote for him. Two declared that binnelf, and that Mayor Wells is "most decidedly eligible."

### GENERAL DOMESTIC. Senator Warner, in a speech before a

lerge audience at Kansas City, outlines his future course, and highly eulogizes former Senator Cockreil. PAGE 6 A caucus of two-thirds of the Texas Senate decides to pass the three House bills providing heavy taxation on all cor-

perattone in the State. PAGE 6 The Arkansas House tables the bill which would remove from the Governor the power to appoint members of the St.

PAGE 9 Edmund Bersch, who is serving a term in the Penitentiary for booding, is slowly

aving of tuberculosis, and two State offi era have recommended his pardon.

Browns have concluded the	ir trainin
practice at Dallas.	PAGE :
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## BUSINESS.

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Swille, Morch 22 Sailed: Victorian. perpet March 24 Sailed: Celie.

## PLANS COMPLETED FOR BIG **DEMOCRATIC RALLY TO-NIGHT**

Governor Joseph W. Folk, David R. Francis, Former Governor Dockery, Festus J. Wade, E. C. Simmons and Former Congressman E. C. Kehr Will Urge Voters at Mass Meeting in Music Hall to Cast Their Ballots for Good Government-Gathering Expected to Be Greatest of Campaign-Leaders of Opposing Parties Try to Detract by Announcing Joint Debate Between Mayoralty Candidates.

## FOUR HUNDRED VICE PRESIDENTS TO SIT ON THE STAGE.

The fixed Government mass meeting to-night in the Coliseau will ratify the achievements of business administration.

St. Louis commands the interest of the respectable people of all Amerlenn cities as a municipality reformed and progressive, as a city which rose from the depths of corruption and misrale to the summit of integrity and efficiency in the public service.

The character of administration which St. Lauis now has, and the impulse at advancement which the the community enticusinstically portrays, are qualities which magnify the city's growing regulation.

St. Louis has reform. St. Louis has business administration. St. Louis is progressing rapidly and solidly. St. Locis is inspired with its great opportunities.

And to-night's mass meeting, in which the friends of business adminfarration and progress will manifest their civil pride, will signify the purpose of the best citizens, regardless of party inclinations, to preserve the standards of betterment and to persevere in pushing St. Louis

Some of the most rotable Democrats of 1000000 the State and city will discuss the issues | SPEAKERS SELECTED FOR now before the voters from the stage of the Exposition Music Hall, Thirteenth and Onve streets, to-night, before what is ex-pected to be the largest crowd of the

in the list of speakers are the names of Governor Felk, Mayor Wells, David R. Francis, former Governor A. M. Dockery, Festus J. Wade, E. C. Simmons and former Congressman E. C. Kehr.

The mass meeting of all voters, irrespective of party, interested in good government, is under the auspices of the Business Men's Committee, which was organized at the Mercantile Club Tuesday night to secure united action of the busi-ness interests of the city in behalf of Mayor Wells and the other Democratic candidates and the continuation of good government.

indications point to an overflow at Music Hall, although that is the largest available auditorium in the city. Nearly 50,000 pieces of advertising and open in vitations were sent out yesterday. Each member of the Committee of One Thousand, headed by Chairman J. E. Smith, gave their personal efforts in amisting in PAGE 2. bringing out a record-breaking crowd tonight.

The meeting will be called to order shortly after 8 o'clock by E. C. Simmons of the Sammons Hardware Company, who will preside.

ing will be the personnel of 400 vice presidents. In the list are some of the most prominent men of the city, and also some whose political affiliations are not pronounced Democratic, but who are strongly in sympathy with good government. Music by a band will precede the speaking.

That leaders of other political parties fear the prestige that will be given the Wells good government campaign by tonight's meeting, was shown by an evident attempt yesterday to distract attention and lessen the attendance. A cir-PAGE ? Cuiar letter was distributed freely through The King's Daughters and Sons of St. the moil stating that a joint delute be-Louis will raise funds for the aged tween three mayoralty candidates would nomen's home at Mexico, Mc. PAGE II. be held to-night in Louisiana Hall, No. 911

North Vandeventer avenue. TRY TO "KNOCK" MEETING. The name of Mayor Wells was used conspicuously as one of the debators, but he had never signified any intention of appearing in Louisiana Hali because of the least another candidate mentioned also re- [ ceived his first information of the "de- idly losing her singing voice, hate" when he was handed one of the circular letters signed by a committee of six. Four of the men, whose names were PAGE 2 | most, declared vesterday afternoon that city Counselor Bates declares the Char- they were supporting Mayor Wells and

> PAGE 2 their names would be used when they The mass meeting at Exposition Music Hall will overstadow any other political gathering to-night. As a result only three outside Democratic meetings will be held. The Tenth Ward Democratic Club will hold a meeting in Bley's Hall, Chippena street and Broadway. Among the speakers will be Doctor John H. Simon, W. A. Wheeling, Hiram Phillips, Harold Small, Thomas L. Anderson and William E.

they had no knowledge to what purpose

The Twenty-seventh Ward meeting will from Fourth and Pine streets. be featured by speeches in English and Night Chief of Police Gillaspy detailed

MASS MEETING TO-NIGHT. Governor Joseph W. Folk.

Mayor Rolla Wells. David R. Francis. Former Governor Dockery. Festus J. Wade E. C. Simmons.

## FINDS DOG BIT IN SELF-DEFENSE

Former Congressman E. C. Kehr.

Animal Damaged Face of Man Who Crawled Into Its Kennel -Jury Acquits Beast and Owner.

A jury in the Circuit Court in Edwardsville yesterday found that a dog had acted in self-defense in attacking a man, and equitted the animal and its owner. James Tobin was the complainant and

John Winkelmeyer the defendant. Five thousand dollars' damages were asked because Tobin had been bitten by Winkel-

He endeavored to prove that the animal aforethought. The defense offered testimony that To-

bin, while drunk, had crawled over a fence behind which the dog was chained. cupant resulting in material darage to

## EDNA MAY'S VOICE IMPAIRED.

Comic Opera Star to Take Up Dramatic Roles REPUBLIC SPINIAL.

Cleveland, O., March St.-The decision of Miss Edna May and her menager to have the former abandon the musical comedy field and take up straight draengagement at the mass meeting. At matic work, was reached here to-night and it became known that she was rap-

## FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSY ANSWERING FALSE ALARMS.

The Pire Department was kept busy early this morning responding to faise alarms of fire in the downtown district. The department was called out about midnight to Fourth and Pine streets to extinguish ar incipient blaze in the rear of No. 212 North Fourth street.

Hardly had the horses been unhitched when another alarm came in from Fourth and Market streets. When the firemen arrived no fire was to be seen. Pifteen minutes later an alarm came in

from Fourth and Locust streets. At 129 o'clock another false alarm was sounded

special men to search for the offenders.

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## THE TAX QUESTION. What Increases Have Been Made, and the Object.

There has been a great deal of talk lately about the increase of taxation in St Louis and the responsibility of Mayor Wells for the increase. Here are the Revenue Taxes:

Bond Interest and Staking Fund Taxes; General indebtedness ..... World's Pair bonds..... State bonds

Every increase glown-that of a lexy for county purposes, to support and morare elementary institutions, that to increase the revenue of the Public Library, that to increase the revenue of the public schools, and finally that to pay the interest and principal of the World's Pair bonds-came by order of the people, voted at an election for the purpose. St. Louis wanted the things this increase of taxation represents, and St. Louis is not to be clared with the children who want to keep a cake and eat it at the same time. The votors of St. Louis are responsible for the increase of taxation, and they are not

# WOMAN DEAF-MUTE ROBBED BY FOOTPAD

Give Alarm When Attacked by Highwayman-Writes Description of Occurrence and Thief.

Unable to give any alarm because she is deaf and dumb, Miss Anna Haulthaus of No. 254 Locust street was at the merry of a lone highwayman, who attacked her as ale passed the mouth of an alley on the east side of Beaumont street, between Olive and Locust streets, last evening.

Miss Haulthause went He endeavored to prove that the suimal experience on a piece of paper. He at attacked him viciously and with mailer once notified Night Chief Gillaspy, and a an expressman near by and wrote of her policeman was dispatched to the scene of the robbery.

In writing her statement for the police. and had crawled into the dog house to had grabbed her by the shoulder with one hand, while he wrestled her purse, containing \$10, from her with the other. He then wheeled around and ran east through the alley. She did not know whether he stopped before he reached Jefferson ave-

> She furnished the police with a good de scription of the robber, who, she stated, was a white man about 30 years old. She claims that she can identify him if he is

Convicted St. Louis Boodler May Not Live to Serve Out Term-Treasurer Gmelich and Auditor Wilder Ask for His Pardon.

REPUBLIC SPECTAL Jefferson City, Mo., March 24 - With his

mind failing and a physical wreck. Edmund Bersch, a convicted St. Louis boodler, is slowly dying in the State Peni-Herreh was not a strong man when he

entered the prison last July, and since the date of his incurceration his health has fatied rapidly and continuously. He has now been in the prison hespital

for several months, and is growing weaker day after day, both in mind and body, He has tuberculosis, and the prison physidan, Doctor Chastain, is of the opinion that he will not live to serve out his term Doctor Chastain has filed a certificate of these facts in the Governor's office. as three Prison Inspectors. State Treasurer Gmellch and State Auditor Wilder have recommended his parden.

## BISHOP SPALDING TAKES RIDE.

For First Time Since Paralytic

ride, accompanied by his brother, Doctor Spalding, and a nurse.

The Rishen shows the effects of the long-enforced commement, but he says | REPURCIO SPECIAL. that he is feeling greatly improved. The first of April he expects to go to Hot Springs, Ark, where he will remain for some time in the hope of further | purposes," he says, "but in a problibition State there is no sentiment of that

He will be accompanied by the Reverend Father Reardon of Chicago and two | hattleship.

# SWAMPED. TWO ST. LOUIS WOMEN ARE **UNHURT IN TEXAS WRECK;** THEIR MAID DIES OF INJURY

Miss Anna Hauithause Unable to Mrs. Frank P. Hays and Daughter of No. 4388 West Pine Boulevard Escape With Slight Bruises From Sleeper Which Rolls Down Embankment Near Paris-Six Persons Are Injured-Engine and Two Cars Pasa Safely Over Burning Bridge, While Chair Car and Two Sleepers Fall Through—Smoke From Trestle Work Caused Great Excitement in City, When Reports Said Train Was on Fire.

ENGINEER UNABLE TO AVERT DISASTER BECAUSE OF CURVE.

PUBLIC SENTIMENT

MRS. MAGGIF CYONEY of No. 23% Laciele avenue, maid to Mrs. Frank P. Hays and daughter of No. 43% West Pine ionilevard, St. Louis woman with the context of No. 43% were place on the context of No. 43% were place on the context of No. 43% were place on the context of No. 43% were also on the context of No. 43% were placed on outs, who were also on the train.

MRS. II. PETTON MORERLY, Springheld, hilled was accompanying Mrs. Frank. D. T. KILLIAN, Lincoln County, Missouri: . 1238 West Pine boulevard, as maid.

EUGENE OCHLYY, St. Clair County, Illi-MES, LOUISA SMITH, Willerton, I. T.; Mp | three weeks

S. W. WILBER, Paris, Tex : scalp wound. J. O. LIVESAY, claim agent of the St. Louis and Sin Francisco Railway, Paris, Tex.; right | night. No details were given except

Dallas to St. Louis was wrecked at the clede avenue. She was 22 years old bridge crossing Red Elver, about fifteen • and a widow. Mrs. Hogan stated • miles north of this city, this afternoon at that her sister was killed in a rail-

No. 23G Luclede avenue, St. Louis, was that she was caught between the edges of was the mail of Mrs. Frank P. Hays and daughter of No. 438 West Pine boulevard, St. Louis, who were also on the train, enroute from San Antonio to Eureka Springs, Ark.

Both Mrs. Hays and daughter escaped without injury. Mrs. Hays said that she and her daughter were seated together in the sleeper, when the car went through the bridge. She says that, without any previous warning, she felt the sleeper uddenly tumbling down an embankment. When the couch reached the bottom it came to a stealettil and neither she nor her daughter were hurt, beyond a few slight scratches and bruises,

MAID CAUGHT IN VESTIBULE. A few minutes previous to the direster. the maid had started to the chair car and was standing in the vestibule when the three cars left the track. It is supposed

VICTIM OF WRECK. : Mrs. Maggle Cooney, who was o

They were returning from San An- tleships Sissoi, Veliky and Navarin.

Mr. Hays, president of the Little . & Hays Investment Company, reecived word of the accident last that Mrs. Cooney was killed, but that his wife and daughter were un-• injured. He departed at once for •

the two cars, as a wound in her neck

seemed to indicate. crowded with passengers, and while the greatest excitment prevailed in the eramble that followed, none was seriously injured, with the exception of th maid. The body of Mrs. Cooney will be

sent to St. Louis to-morrow. BURNING BRIDGE THE CAUSE.

The wreck was caused by the burning of a bridge over a branch of the Red River near the large railroad bridge across the stream proper.

The train approached the bridge around a sharp curve, and the trainmen could not see the fire until they were upon it.

The engine and two front care po ever in safety, but the chair car and two sleepers went down a steep embankment The character of the wreck, especially Continued on Page Two.

## T-----of these facts in the Governor's office, as provided by the Revised Statutes, and OIL-CHRISTENED BATTLESHIP WOULD BE FEARED BY SAILORS

· REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, March 28.-"It is absurd to talk of christening a new hattleship with oil instead of wine. No sailorman would think that she had ever Stroke Churchman Leaves House. • been properly launched were the usual custom omitted."

This statement was made to-day by a high official of the Navy Depart-Peorla, Ill., March 21. For the first time | ment, whose attention was called to the report that the Governor of Kaness since he was stricken by a stroke of • had announced his intention of having the new battleship Kansus christened peralysis. Eachop John L. Spolding left | with the crude petroleum that has recently added to the fame of his State. his residence to-day, going for a carriage of The Navy Department has as yet received no application from the Gov-ride, accompanied by his brother, Doctor of Kangas to make the proposed change in the method of christening. but it is said that when the request is made it will be refused

-OIL IS THE BURNING QUESTION IN MANSAR." Topeka, Kas., March 21.-Governor Hoch says he sees nothing absurd about christening the battleship Kansus with oil. "In a liquor-using State the sentiment might be for champagne for such

'In Kansas the burning question is oil. Therefore, use oil to christen

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# REPORT JHAT JAPS DAMAGE THREE OF CZAR'S WARSHIPS

Battleships Sissoi, Veliky and Navarin Said to Have Encountered Enemy's Torpedo Boats.

RUMOR COMES FROM PARIS.

Matin's St. Petersburg Correspondent Wires Brief Report to His Paper Concerning Accident to Rojestvensky's Ships.

## LINEVITCH'S EXORMOUS TASK

Unless He Can Keep Japs From Crossing Sungari River, Harbin and Vladivostok Are Doomed-Latter Expects Early Siege.

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OF THE REPUBLIC IS Chicago. Ill., March 21.-The Chio cago Daily Nows publishes to-mor-row the following special cable dis-

"Kobe Richard H. Little, the . • Chicago Daily News correspondo ent; Francis Mac ullagh of the St. · Louis Republic; M. Nawleau of the Journal de Paris, and Baron Krieg Intein of the Berlin Lokal Anxeiger. arrived here as prisoners of war on the Awa Maru to-day. They will
 probably he kept in quarantine for

some days. well treated. The Governor of the Prefecture attended their party and a sair them off to Shidmoka. They

Paris, March 25.-The Matin's St. Petersburg correspondent sends an pu

## LONDON HEARS THAT CZAR HAS YIELDED TO PEACE ADVOCATES.

Paris, Tex., March 2t.—Northbound pussenger train on the St. Louis and San

Francisco Railway from Galveston and

Mrs. Cooney was a native of St. 

Louis and resided with her sister.

Mrs. James Hegan, at No. 236 Lacategorically," he says, "not as a probable inference from signs and tokens observed in the past few days.

> has been convinced, much against his will that further continuation of the war would be disastrous to Russis, financially. conomically, politically, and he, therefore, conditionally is willing to discon

## RUSSIAN ARMY HALTS SEVENTY-FOUR MILES NORTH OF THE PASS.

the of fairly strong natural puntlens thirty-four miles south of Gundu Pars the center being the railroad village of reads on either side, which apparently to force the Japanese to show their hands. The Russians, however, may have been

correspondents continue to report rumors of wide turning operations on both flunks, indicating a probable basis in fact.

The correspondents believe a resumption of hostilities on a grand scale is improbshie inside of three months. The day's news from the front continue to indicate preparations for a withdrawal of the main portion of the Russian army beyond Harbin, so as to place it out of

danger of having its communications with Russia severed if it is found impracticable to attempt to bold the line at the Sungari mentioned by several correspondents in a fashion to suggest that it will be the new point of concentration, although others speak of the Amur River.

A light flying column of Japanese cavalry is reported to be moving heatily ecross the country toward Taltaibur, while a heavier column to going north-east to the direction of Vindivortok.

## RUSSIAN RETREAT HAS **ADVANCED SEVENTY-FOUR** MILES FROM TIE PASS

Gunahu Pate, March M. noon.—The Rus-Continued on Page Thire.

Citizens remember when nobody could get a switch privilege without boodling; when a demand of graft was made on every contractor; when the City Hall payroll was stuffed with loafers; when the city institutions for the sick and unfortunate were scenes of intrigue and corruption, and the influence of a swarm of politicians. Are we to put the old crowd back?